

April 1, 2004

Exemption No. 6140E
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12416

Mr. Basil Barimo
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Dear Mr. Barimo:

This is in response to your March 16, 2004, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) for an extension of Exemption No. 6140, as amended. That exemption from § 121.309(f)(2) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits ATA-member airlines to locate the aft megaphone at door 4-left on their Boeing 747 aircraft.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to ATA.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6140, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

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In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 6140, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its August 31, 2004, termination date to August 31, 2006, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6140, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6140.

Sincerely,

/s/

John M. Allen

Acting Director, Flight Standards Service